(*b*) Rs. 1,67,789—6—4.
(*c*) 689 and 1098.
(*d*) Rs. 14,926—13—3.

Note.—The figures furnished are only approximate. Correct particulars can be had only after further scrutiny of the figures and by reference to subordinate offices which require some more time.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does the amount mentioned in answer to sub-division (*b*) include the value of gram, etc.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Establishment charges only.

COCHIN RESTAURANTS

257. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) (*i*) the number of Cochin Restaurants opened in Ernakulam and Mattancheri ;

(*ii*) the number of restaurants, hotels and eating houses existing in Ernakulam and Mattancheri and licensed by the Municipality for the use of the public in the year 1119 and existing in the month of Edavam as such ;

(*b*) the monthly turnover of the Cochin Restaurants and the quantities of food stuffs used in each of the Cochin Restaurants such as sugar, rice, bajra, dhall and other articles ;

(*c*) whether any applications have been made by other hotel keepers for turning their eating houses into Cochin Restaurants ; if so, how many such applications were received and how the Government disposed of the same ;

(*d*) after the Advisory Committee have been brought into existence how many applications have been received and how the same have been dealt with by Government ;

(*e*) how many Cochin Restaurants opened have been closed and if so, the reasons for the closing of the same ;

(*f*) whether any offers have been received by Government to pay subsidies to Government to run or to convert such private eating houses into Cochin Restaurants ; if so, what are the objections of Government to allow such requests ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) (*i*) Five at Ernakulam, *viz.*, Huzur Jetty, Mampilly buildings, Thevara, Pachalam and Valanjambalam and three at Mattancheri: (Canal Jetty, New Road and Palluruthi).

(*ii*)

Ernakulam Municipality		*Mattancheri Municipality*	
No. of Restaurants	183	No. of Restaurants	189
,, Hotels	48	,, Hotels	20
		,, Eating houses	41

(*b*) A statement is appended. *(Appendix IV.)*

(*c*) 12 applications have been received.

Ernakulam	7	Rejected.—Ernakulam	5
Mattancheri	5	Mattancheri	1

They were disposed of according to their merits.

(*d*) All the applications referred to in (ii) were received after the Advisory Committee came into existence. They are dealt with as before.

(*e*) Two restaurants, one at Chittur and the other at Champakkara in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk have been closed. The one at Chittur was closed by the Manager presumably for want of sales. The restaurant at Champakkara was allowed to serve wheat kanji and tea with gur as an experimental measure. This did not prove a success and hence it was ordered to be closed.

(*f*) Yes. One C. G. Sreenivasa Prabu offered to pay a sum of Rs. 500 to the War Fund in case he is allowed to convert his coffee club near the Ferry Jetty at Ernakulam into a branch of the Cochin Restaurant. His request was not allowed because no necessity was felt for a branch of the restaurant in that place on account of the existence of a Cochin Restaurant close by.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that there are many coffee clubs and eating houses near the boat jetty ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that Thevara, Pachalam and Valanjambalam are very far away from the town ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

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Mr. Prabhu's offer was not accepted because there are two branches, one in the Broadway and the other near the Huzur Jetty. So it was thought that there was no necessity for a new one.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I ask the question whether near the shop of Mr. C. G. Sreenivasa Prabhu there are many eating-houses and coffee clubs. Is that place not near Government Offices, boat jetty and othar places ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: There is another branch of the Cochin Restaurant very close to the public offices.

CENTRAL FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

258. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to give a list of the members of the Central Food Advisory Committee;

(*b*) will Government be pleased to give the names of those members who are producers of agricultural products ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

1. The Director of Food Supplies (Ex-Officio President)
2. The Deputy Director of Food Supplies, (Member)
3. M.R.Ry., Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan Avl., B.A., M. L. C.
4. ,, V. K. Bhaskara Menon Avl., B.A., B.Com., LL.B., M. L. C.
5. ,, K. T. Achuthan Avl., B.A., B.L., M. L. C.
6. ,, Rao Sahib M. Nanu Menon Avl., M. L. C.
7. ,, Joseph Petta Avl., M.A., (Hons) M. L. C.
8. ,, K. M. Ibrahim Avl., B.A., M. L. C.
9. ,, Koladi Rama Menon Avl.
10. ,, Ambat Kuttikrishna Menon Avl.
11. ,, R. P. Venketakrishna Ayyar Avl., B.A., B.L.
12. ,, P. C. Varkey Avl.
13. ,, C. A. Ouseph Avl., B.A. B.L.
14. The Personal Assistant to the Director of Food Supplies (Secretary)

(*b*) All the members of the Council except Nos. 1, 3, 8, 12 and 14 are producers of agricultural products.

PRICE OF PADDY

259. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the price paid for purchasing paddy from the agriculturist for the Kanni crops of 1119 and the present ruling rate of paddy in each Taluk;

(*b*) is there any difference in the wages in the agricultural labour between the last crop and the present crop ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) The price paid for the purchase of paddy from the agriculturists for the Kanni crop of 1119 is Rs. 1—6—0 per Mudra para throughout the State except in Chittur taluk where the purchase price of Anakomban paddy is fixed at Rs. 103—12—0 per cartload of 70 paras. This is also the present ruling rate.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)*: May I know, what exactly is the difference between the wages that exist now and the previous days ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In pre-war days a male cooly was getting about Rs. 1—4—0 whereas now it is about Rs. 1—8—0 and for the female cooly it was about 8 annas before and now it is about 10 annas.

CASE AGAINST Mr. P. K. KRISHNAN—INFORMATION ABOUT

260. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any proceedings making special mention of the case against Mr. P. K. Krishnan, M.L.C., then pending before the Special First Class Magistrate, Ernakulam ;

(*b*) when was the case against Mr. P. K. Krishnan, M.L.C., (under the Rationing Order) charge sheeted;

(*c*) when was it calendared and when disposed of;

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